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Title: AUTOMATIC DIFFERENTIATION OF A SAMPLE
SOLUTION AND A CONTROL SOLUTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.